

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-54 (Cancelled)**

1       **Claim 55 (currently amended):** A data processing apparatus comprising:  
2              input means for inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in  
3              which each of said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a  
4              plurality of scenes, and for inputting scores that are attribute information of the media content  
5              representing degree of relative importance of each of said plurality of segments based on context  
6              of the media content; and  
7              selection means for selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1       **Claim 56 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,  
2       wherein said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1       **Claim 57 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,  
2       wherein the content description data includes supplemental information.

1       **Claim 58 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,  
2       wherein the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 59 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,  
2       wherein each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to  
3       dominant data that represents said segment.

1       **Claim 60 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 59,  
2       wherein the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 61 (currently amended):** A data processing method comprising the steps of:  
2              inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in which each of  
3        said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a plurality of  
4        scenes; and;  
5               scores that are attribute information of the media content representing degree  
6        of relative importance of each of said plurality of segments based on context of the media  
7        content; and  
8              selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1       **Claim 62 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein  
2        said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1       **Claim 63 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein  
2        the content description data includes supplemental information.

1       **Claim 64 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein  
2        the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 65 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein  
2        each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to dominant  
3        data that represents said segment.

1       **Claim 66 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 65, wherein  
2           the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 67 (currently amended):** A data processing apparatus comprising:  
2           input means for inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in  
3           which each of said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a  
4           plurality of scenes that are marked off by time according to scene boundary, and for inputting  
5           scores that are attribute information of the media content representing time information  
6           describing scene boundaries, and the scores also representing degree of relative importance of  
7           each of said plurality of segments based on context of the media content; and  
8           selection means for selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1       **Claim 68 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,  
2           wherein said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1       **Claim 69 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,  
2           wherein the content description data includes supplemental information.

1       **Claim 70 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,  
2           wherein the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 71 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,  
2           wherein each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to  
3           dominant data that represents said segment.

1       **Claim 72 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 71,  
2           wherein the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 73 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,  
2           wherein the time information includes a starting time and an ending time of each scene of said  
3           plurality of scenes.

1       **Claim 74 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,  
2           wherein the time information includes a starting time and a duration time of each scene of said  
3           plurality of scenes.

1       **Claim 75 (currently amended):** A data processing method comprising the steps of:  
2           inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in which each of  
3           said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a plurality of scenes  
4           that are marked off by time according to scene boundary; and;  
5           etting scores that are attribute information of the media content representing time  
6           information describing scene boundaries, and the scores also representing degree of relative  
7           importance of each of said plurality of segments based on context of the media content; and  
8           selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1       **Claim 76 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein  
2           said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1       **Claim 77 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein  
2           the content description data includes supplemental information.

1       **Claim 78 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein  
2           the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 79 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein  
2           each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to dominant  
3           data that represents said segment.

1       **Claim 80 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 79, wherein  
2           the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1       **Claim 81 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein  
2           the time information includes a starting time and an ending time of each of said plurality of  
3           scenes.

1       **Claim 82 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein  
2           the time information includes a starting time and a duration time of each of said plurality of  
3           scenes.